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(*d*) Local bodies are themselves competent to open such dispensaries. The Government have under consideration the question of permitting taluk boards to appoint L.I.Ms. instead of L.M.Ps., if they so desire, in the rural dispensaries now subsidised from provincial funds. They also propose to consider the question of aiding institutions of Indian Medicine in connexion with the budget for 1930-31.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know with reference to......?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" With reference to what question ? "

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Question No. 1592."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That has been disposed of. We are now on 1593."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know when this question of appointing L.I.M. men to rural dispensaries will be settled ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Final orders will be passed very soon."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Very soon means what ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Say within two or three weeks."

Extension of the scheme of honorary physicians to district hospitals.

*1594 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to question No. 1328 answered on 1st February 1929 regarding the extension of the scheme of honorary physicians to district hospitals, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to place before the House a statement of the details worked out on the above subject ?

A.—The question will be considered after the details have been worked out.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know when the Government hopes to work out details ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The details have been called for from the Surgeon-General. Unfortunately there was a change in the office of the Surgeon-General. The old Surgeon-General who is fully acquainted with the whole thing is not now in office and the new one takes naturally some time to work out the details. That is the reason for the delay."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" Did the old Surgeon-General make any recommendations, Sir ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" During the time of the old Surgeon-General, they decided to extend the scheme. For working out the details the whole question had to be studied afresh by the new officer."